

Please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process of preparing a coating composition comprising:

- (A) forming a hydrolysis product by hydrolysing,
(a) at least one compound represented by general formula I,



wherein M is a member selected from the group consisting of Al, B, VO, Zn and In, R' represents a hydrolysable radical, and m is 3;

- (b) optionally at least one compound represented by general formula II,



wherein the radicals R' and R are the same or different, R' is as defined above, R represents a group selected from an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, a hydrocarbon group with at least one halogen group, an epoxide group, a glycidyloxy group, an amino group, a mercapto group, a methacryloxy group and a cyano group, and a and b independently of one another have a value from 1 to 3, provided that the sum of a and b is four; and

- (B) performing, after completion of hydrolysis,
(i) optionally adding to the hydrolysis product at least one additive selected from the group consisting of dyestuffs, stabilizers and inorganic fillers,
(ii) adjusting the concentration of the hydrolysis product to 0.2 to 10 wt.% by adding at least one of alcohols, alkoxy-alcohols and water to the hydrolysis product, and

(iii) adding at least one flow control agent selected from the group consisting of polyether-modified polydimethylsiloxanes to the hydrolysis product, such that said coating composition comprises flow control agent in an amount of 0.005 to 2 wt. %, wherein the hydrolysis, of step (A), occurs in the presence of at least 0.6 moles of water for every mole of hydrolysable radical R'.

2. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the hydrolysis is carried out in the presence of 0.8 to 2.0 moles of water for every mole of hydrolysable radical R'.

3. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the compound of formula II is present in an amount of less than 0.7 moles, based on 1 mole of the compound of formula I.

4. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the hydrolysis is performed at a pH of less than 6.0.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the hydrolysis is performed in the presence of a solvent selected from at least one of an alcohol having a boiling point below 120°C and water.

7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the hydrolysable radical R' is selected from the group consisting of halogens, C₁₋₄-alkoxy, C₆₋₁₀-aryloxy, C₁₋₄-acyloxy and alkylcarbonyl.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the compound of formula II is selected from at least one of glycidyoxy-propyl-tri-methoxy-silane, methyltriethoxysilane and methacryloxy-propyl-trimethoxysilane.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The coating composition prepared by the process of Claim 1.

15 - 28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously presented) The process of Claim 1, wherein said flow control agent is present in said coating composition in an amount of from 0.03 to 1 wt. %.

30. (Cancelled)